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CORONER

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CALIFORNIA

E. A. Winstanley, Coroner

FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 1955 - JUNE 30, 1956

September 1, 1956

Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles Los Angeles, California

Gentlemen:

Presented herewith is the annual report of the Office of Coroner of Los Angeles County for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956.

This report contains departmental statistics and a summary of the year's accomplishments.

We are pleased to report no major disaster or epidemic during the fiscal year, yet the physical facilities of the office were taxed to capacity on two occasions - a train wreck in which 29 persons were killed, and during the unusual heat wave of September, 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. WINSTANLEY, Coroner

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DEPARTMENT OF CORONER - ANNUAL REPORT 1955-56

The Coroner's Department had a caseload of 9450 cases for the fiscal year 1955-56, which shows an increase of 816 over the previous year.

A breakdown of this total is as follows:

Deaths	due to natural causes	5900
Due to	traffic	927
Due to	suicides	753
Due to	homicides	193
Due to	industrial accidents	147
Due to	home accidents	949

Of the 927 traffic fatalities 326 were pedestrian, 136 of which were over 65 years of age. 175 of these pedestrian deaths occured at an intersection.

There were 601 collision and non-collision accidental deaths in motor vehicles. 485 of which were over 20 years of age.

7 persons lost their lives through electric railway accidents and 42 through steam railway accidents.

Of the 193 homicides, 114 were in the age group of 20 to 45 years of age. 64 of the homicide deaths were the result of altercations.

Of the 753 suicides, 262 were the result of ill health.

4669 autopsies were performed of the 9450 cases processed by the Coroner during the year. 7984 microscopic examinations were made in the pathological laboratory.

417 inquests were held during the year.

The Department's total expenditure during 1955-56 was \$421,015.27 comprised as follows: Salaries and Wages, \$373,235.95; Maintenance and Operation, \$41,113.78 and Capital Outlay \$6665.54.

Revenues collected for the fiscal year 1955-55 were \$78,643.75.

REPORT OF E. A. WINSTANLEY

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER

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JULY	1955		704	
AUGUST	1955		698	
SEPTEMBER	1955		903	
OCTOBER	1955		822	
NOVEMBER	1955		740	
DECEMBER	1955		889	
JANUARY •	1956		910	
FEBRUARY	1956		755	
MARCH	1956		843	
APRIL	1956		755	
MAY	1956		750	
JUNE	1956		<u>681</u>	Apple productions and the
		TOTAL	9450	9450
		* * * * * *		
MALE FEMALE			6042 3408	.mmm crofteen shifted will and
		TOTAL	9450	9450
	OF LOS ANGELES		5050	
O/S LOS ANGE	Y OF LOS ANGELES LES CITY ANGELES COUNTY		4399 —_1	and america fello
		TOTAL	9450	9450

CLASSIFICATIONS OF DEATHS

HANDLED BY CORONER

ACCIDENTAL DEATHS

AIRPLANE		34	
ELECTRIC RAILWAY		7	
HOME ACCIDENTS		949	
INDUSTRIAL		147	
MOTOR VEHICLES		927	
OTHER ACCIDENTS		420	
STEAM RAILWAY	TOTAL	<u>42</u> 2526	2526
ABORTIONS		11	
HOMICIDES		193	
NATURAL CAUSES		5900	
STILLBIRTHS		60	
SUICIDES		753	
UNKNOWN	TOTAL	6924	9450

		MOTOR VEHICLES	ELECTRIC RAILWAY	STEAM RAILWAY	TOTAL
JULY	1955	64	1	0	. 65
AUGUST	1955	70	0	1	71
SEPTEMBER	1955	73	2	0	75
OCTOBER	1955	96	0	1	97
NOVEMBER	1955	86		Ō	81
DECEMBER	1955	103	0	l	104
JANUARY	1956	85	2	31	118
FEBRUARY	1956	74	O	0	74
MARCH	1956	73	0	2	75
APRIL	1956	77	0	1	78
MAY	1956	76	1	2	79
JUNE	1956	56	0	3	59
	TOTAL	927	7	42	976

IN THE ABOVE CLASSIFICATION "MOTOR VEHICLES"

INCLUDES ALL FATALITIES IN WHICH A MOTOR

VEHICLE IS INVOLVED. "ELECTRIC AND STEAM

RAILWAY" INCLUDES ONLY THOSE CASES IN UNICH

A PEDESTRIAN, PASSENGER OR EMPLOYEE IS KILLED.

PEDESTRIAN

JULY	1955		20	
AUGUST	1955		16	
SEPTEMBER	1955		. 17	
OCTOBER	1955		41	
NOVEMBER	1955		33	
DECEMBER	1955		53	
JANUARY	1956		29	
FEBRUARY	1956		23	
MARCH	1956		30	
APRIL	1956		19	
MAY	1956		.26	
JUNE	1956		<u> 19</u>	
		TOTAL	326	326
		* * * * * *	: >¢:	
MALE FEMALE			216 <u>110</u>	
		TOTAL	326	326
		* * * * * *	*	
IN THE CITY OF			170	
IN THE COUNTY OF OS LOS ANGELES OUTSIDE LOS ANGELES	CITY		154	
		TOTAL	326	326

PEDESTRIAN

<u>AGES</u>

1 to 2 years 2 to 5 years 5 to 10 years 10 to 20 years		15 18 15 8 51 83 136 326	٠
20 to 45 years 45 to 65 years 65 years and over	TOTAL	83 136 326	326
	* * * * * *		
AT AN INTERSECTION NOT AT AN INTERSECTION	TOTAL	175 151 326	326
	* * * * * * *		
A. M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON) P. M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT) UNKNOWN		109 216 1	
	TOTAL	$\frac{1}{326}$	326
	* * * * * *		
AUTO & PEDESTRIAN BUS & PEDESTRIAN FORK LIFT & PEDESTRIAN TRACTOR & PEDESTRIAN		302 4 1 1	
TRUCK & PEDESTRIAN	TOTAL	$\frac{18}{326}$	326

PEDESTRIAN

CAUSES

BACKING CHILDREN RELEASED BRAKES CROSSING AGAINST SIGNAL CROSSING STREET CARELESSLY CROSSING STREET NOT AT INTERSECT DEAFNESS DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT DROVE THROUGH SAFETY ZONE DURING MOTORCYCLE RACE EXCESSIVE SPEED INCOMPETENT HANDLING INTOXICATION JUMPED FROM VEHICLE LIGHTING CONDITIONS LOST CONTROL PEDESTRIAN CONFUSED BY TRAFFIC PLAYING IN DRIVEWAY PLAYING IN STREET RECKLESS DRIVING RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATED RUNAWAY CAR RUNNING IN STREET SKIDDING UNKNOWN VISION OBSCURED WALKING IN STREET	1691579125719083919254	Tabumatasa.
WEATHER CONDITIONS	TOTAL $\overline{326}$	326

PEDESTRIAN

HELD BY CORONER'S JURY				
MALE DRIVERS FEMALE DRIVERS UNKNOWN DRIVERS	TOTAL		39 <u>22</u> 69	69
NOT HELD BY CORONER'S JURY				
MALE DRIVERS FEMALE DRIVERS TRAIN CREWS	TOTAL		60 6 <u>2</u> 68	<u>8</u> 8
CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST WAS H	ELD			
MALE DRIVERS FEMALE DRIVERS			165 20	
DRIVERLESS CAR	TOTAL		189	189
				326
	* * * * * *	*		
HIT AND RUN CASES				24
HAD BEEN DRINKING				

SEE LABORATORY REPORT ON "CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - ALCOHOL"

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

JULY	1955			7+7+	
AUGUST	1955			54	*
SEPTEMBER	1955			56	
OCTOBER	1955			55	
NOVEMBER	1955			1+7	
DECEMBER	1955			50	
JANUARY	1956			56	
FEBRUARY	1956			51	
MARCH	1956			43	
APRIL	1956			58	
MAY	1956			50	
JUNE	1956			37	Constillate April
			TOTAL	601	601
		* * * *	* * *		
MALE FEMALE				447 154	STATE OF THE PARTY
			TOTAL	601	601
		* * * *	* * *		•
IN THE CITY OF			41	222	
IN THE COUNTY OO/S LOS ANGELES	CITY			356 _23	**************************************
			TOTAL	601	601

TRAFFIC FATALITIES COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

AGES

	WHITE PAPER SETTLE SETTLE		
Less than one year 1 to 2 years 2 to 5 years 5 to 10 years 10 to 20 years 20 to 45 years 45 to 65 years 65 years and over	TOTAL	3 7 5 9 92 302 126 57 601	601
	* * * * * * *		
AT AN INTERSECTION NOT AT AN INTERSECTION	TOTAL	269 332 601	601
	* * * * * * *		
A. M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON) P. M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT)	TOTAL	275 <u>326</u> 601	601

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

NATURE

AUTO & ABUTMENT AUTO & AMBULANCE AUTO & ARMY TANK AUTO & AUTOETTE AUTO & AUTO	A	6 2 1 3 236
AUTO, AUTO & AUTO AUTO, AUTO, AUTO, AUTO, TRUCK TRAILER AUTO, AUTO, AUTO & TRAILER	& BUS	1 1 1
AUTO & BICÝCLE AUTO & BRIDGE		12
AUTO & BUILDING		4 6 9 1 7 12
AUTO & BUS		9
AUTO & CRANE		7
AUTO & CURB AUTO & DIRT BANK		12
AUTO & ELECTRIC RAILWAY		10
AUTO & FENCE		3 2
AUTO & GUARD RAIL		20
AUTO & MOTORCYCLE AUTO & PARKED AUTO		1
AUTO & PARKED AUTO		40
AUTO & STEAM RAILWAY		16
AUTO & TRAILER		3 16
AUTO & TREE		16
AUTO & TRICYCLE		1
AUTO & TRUCK AUTO & TRUCK & TRAILER		19
AUTO & TRUCK & TRAILER		2
BUS & BICYCLE		79 3 2 1
BUS & MOTORCYCLE		1

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

NATURE (CONTINUED)

MOTORCYCLE & CURB MOTORCYCLE & MOTORCYCLE MOTORCYCLE & POLE TRUCK & BICYCLE TRUCK & MOTORCYCLE TRUCK & TREE TRUCK & TRUCK TRUCK & TRUCK TRUCK & TRUCK	TOTAL	1 1 2 5 1 2 1 514	514
<u>NOI</u>	N-COLLISION		
AUTO OVER CLIFF AUTO OVER EMBANKMENT AUTO OVERTURNED FALL FROM VEHICLE MOTORCYCLE OVERTURNED TRACTOR OVERTURNED TRUCK OVERTURNED	TOTAL	6 1 63 8 2 1 67	87

601

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

CAUSES

COLLISION

		T
BACKING CARELESS HANDLING OF BICYCLE		14
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT		
DRIVER ASLEEP		10
DRIVING ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD		43 4
DRIVING WITHOUT LIGHTS		
EXCEEDING SPEED LIMIT		43
ILLEGAL PARKING		1 1
TLLEGAL "U" TURN		17
INCOMPETENT HANDLING		23
INTOXICATION		23 87
LOST CONTROL		20
MOTORIST'S NEGLIGENCE AT RAILWAY CROSSING		2
PASSING ON WRONG SIDE		24
RAN BOULEVARD STOP		46
RAN SIGNAL REAR END COLLISION		10
RECKLESS DRIVING		47
RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATED		78
RODE BICYCLE INTO SIDE OF TRUCK		3
SKIDDING		2
STALLED ON TRACKS		78 3 7 2 1 34
SUDDEN STOP		٦ <u>+</u>
UNKNOWN		ı 1
VISION OBSCURED		1
WEATHER CONDITIONS	TOTAL	514
		-

514

TRAFFIC FATALITIES COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION CAUSES (CONTINUED)

TOTAL

NON-COLLISION

AVOIDING COLLISION
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT
DOOR FLEW OPEN
DRIVER ASLEEP
EXCESSIVE SPEED
IMPROPER RIDING
INTOXICATION
LOST CONTROL
RECKLESS DRIVING
SUDDEN STOP
IINKNOWN
OTATZINO MIA

	212	
1	2406	
1		
8	1147	
U	1	

87

601

TRAFFIC FATALITIES COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

HELD BY CORONER'S JURY MALE DRIVERS FEMALE DRIVERS UNKNOWN DRIVERS	TOTAL	78 14 <u>8</u> 100	100
NOT HELD BY CORONER'S JURY			
MALE DRIVERS FEMALE DRIVERS TRAIN CREW	TOTAL	44 4 <u>1</u> 49	49
CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST WAS HELD			
MALE DRIVERS FEMALE DRIVERS	TOTAL	406 <u>46</u> 452	452
			601
	* * * * * *		
HIT AND RUN CASES		13	

HAD BEEN DRINKING

SEE LABORATORY REPORT ON "CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - ALCOHOL"

ELECTRIC RAILWAY

		1		
JULY	1955		1	
AUGUST	1955	•	0	
SEPTEMBER	1955		2	
OCTOBER	1955		0	•
NOVEMBER	1955		1	
DECEMBER	1955		0	
JANUARY	1956		2	
FEBRUARY	1956		0	
MARCH	1956		0	
APRIL	1956		0	
MAY	1956		1	
JUNE	1956		0	militario diss
		TOTAL	7	7
	* *	* * * * *		
MALE			5	
FEMALE			_2_	
		TOTAL	7	7
	* *	* * * * *		
In the City of L	os Angeles		2	
In the County of O/S Los Angeles	Los Angeles City			ONE - Million - Great
		TOTAL	7	7

ELECTRIC RAILWAY

AGES

10 to 20 years		1	
20 to 45 years		1	
45 to 65 years		1	
65 years and over		and control and the protocol	ODDS putter others
	TOTAL	7	7
	* * * * * *		
	NATURE	7	7
ELECTRIC RAILWAY & PEDESTRIAN	* * * * * *	/	/
	CAUSES		
ATTEMPTING TO STEAL RIDE CROSSING TRACKS CARELESSLY INTOXICATION UNKNOWN		1 2 1	elidik sedir diciri
	TOTAL	7	7

STEAM RAILWAY

JULY	1955				,	0		
AUGUST	1955					1		
SEPTEMBER	1955				1	0		
OCTOBER	1955					1		
NOVEMBER	1955					0		
DECEMBER	1955					1		
JANUARY	1956				3	1		
FEBRUARY	1956				<i>∳</i>	0		
MARCH	1956					2		
APRIL	1956					1	*	
MAY	1956					2		
JUNE	1956				-	3	-	-
		* * * *	* * *	TOTAL	4	2	4	2
MALE					2	6		
FEMALE				TOTAL	1	<u>6</u> 2	<u> </u>	2
In the City of Los Ang	geles				3	5		
In the County of Los A O/S Los Angeles City	Angeles							
		* * * *	* * * *	TOTAL	4	2	4	2
1 to 2 years		AG	ES			2		
2 to 5 years				•	2	1		
10 to 20 years 20 to 45 years 45 to 65 years 65 years and over					3	4		
45 to 65 years					6	6		
> rears and over				TOTAL	Σ.	2	4	2

STEAM RAILWAY

NATURE

STEAM RAILWAY & EMPLOYEE STEAM RAILWAY & PASSENGER STEAM RAILWAY & PEDESTRIAN	TOTAL	2 32 <u>8</u> 42	42
	* * * * * * *		
	CAUSES		
CHILD PLAYING ON TRACKS CROSSING TRACKS CARELESSLY EXCESSIVE SPEED OF TRAIN FALL UNDER WHEELS INTOXICATION RUNAWAY CAR WALKING ON TRACKS UNKNOWN	TOTAL	2 31 2 1 1 1 2 42	4 2

SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC FATALITIES

		MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
MOTOR VEHICLES		663	264	927
ELECTRIC RAILWAY		5	2	7
STEAM RAILWAY	TOTAL	<u>26</u> 694	1 <u>6</u> 2 8 2	42 976

JULY	1955			7	
AUGUST	1955			13	
SEPTEMBER	1955			19	
OCTOBER	1955			12	
NOVEMBER	1955			8	•
DECEMBER	1955			10	
JANUARY	1956			8	
FEBRUARY	1956			9	
MARCH	1956			12	
APRIL	1956			15	
MAY	1956			19	
JUNE	1956		TOTAL	<u>15</u> 147	147
MALE FEMALE		* * *	* * * * TOTAL	141 6 147	147
		* * *	* * * *	1 + 7	147
In the City of I In the County of O/S Los Angeles Outside LOS ANGI Unknown	f LOS ANGELE City	ES	TOTAL	50 62 22 <u>13</u> 147	147
10 to 20 years 20 to 45 years 45 to 65 years 65 years and ove	er		TOTAL	7 66 53 21 147	147

NATURE

ASPHYXIATION		3
BODILY INJURY		18
BURNS		18
CRUSHING		15
DROWNING		5
ELECTROCUTION		11
EXPLOSIONS		4
FALLS	·	35
HEAT STROKE		3
INFECTION		30
POISONING		2
SUFFOCATION	TOTAL	147 147

CAUSES

ASPHYXIATION:			*	
IN EXCAVATION			3	3
BODILY INJURY:				
DURING SEIZURE FALL FROM TRUCK HEAVY LIFTING STRUCK BY BOOM STRUCK BY ELEVATOR STRUCK BY HEAVY METAL STRUCK BY LUMBER STRUCK BY PIPE STRUCK BY SAW BLADE		TOTAL	1 1 1 1 5 3 1 1 18	18
BURNS:				
CLOTHING AFIRE CLOTHING AFIRE FROM TO CRANE CONTACTED HIGH T EXPLOSION OF CLEANING EXPLOSION OF GAS EXPLOSION OF GASOLENE EXPLOSION OF GASOLENE EXPLOSION OF OIL DRUM FIGHTING FOREST FIRE PAINT THINNER IGNITED	ENSION WIRE FLUID	TOTAL	2 1 2 1 2 1 1 6 1 18	18
<u>CRUSHING</u> :				
BETWEEN DOCK & SHIP BY CRANE BY ELEVATOR BY HEAVY METAL BY MACHINERY CAUGHT IN CONVEYOR CAVE IN OF DIRT BANK STRUCK BY GRAVEL CART WALL COLLAPSED		TOTAL	1 1 2 4 1 1 3 1 1	<u>15</u> _
DROWNING:				
FELL FROM BARGE SHIP SANK SKIN DIVING TO TAKE PH	HOTOS	TOTAL	1 3 1 5	5

CAUSES-(CONTINUED)

ELECTROCUTION:

CONTACTED HIGH TENSION WIRE CONTACTED LIVE WIRE		3	
CRANE CONTACTED HIGH TENSION WIRE INSTALLING EQUIPTMENT	TOTAL	3 3 2 11	11
EXPLOSIONS:			
HAND GRENADE EXPLODED POWDER PLANT EXPLOSION	TOTAL	1 -3 -4	ireir yee haar
FALLS:			
DOWN SHAFT FROM BOX CAR FROM BRIDGE FROM CATWALK FROM CHAIR FROM LADDER FROM ROOF FROM SCAFFOLD FROM TREE FROM WINDOW INTO DITCH INTO WASHING MACHINE TO FLOOR TO GROUND	TOTAL	11111440121125	35
HEAT STROKE:		3	3
INFECTION:			
INHALATION OF DUST INHALATION OF DUST IN MINES INHALATION OF DUST IN QUARRIES INHALATION OF DUST IN SAND BLASTING POISONING:	TOTAL	11 16 2 1 30	-30
CARBON TETRACHLORIDE-INHALATION OF FUMES		2	2
SUFFOCATION:			
EXPOSURE TO SULPHUR DIOXIDE GAS IN OIL TANK	TOTAL	1 - <u>2</u> 3	3 -

NATURE

BURNS & EXPLOSIONS						102	2	
ELECTROCUTION						r	7	-
FALLS						541	L	
FIREARMS						ŗ	7	
HEAT STROKE						4]	L	
MECHANICAL ASPHYXIA						60)	
MISCELLANEOUS						11	t	
POISONING						172	2	
VIOLENCE OF UNDETERMINED ORIGIN					TOTAL	949	Ž	949
	*	*	* :	*	* * *			4
MALE FEMALE					TOTAL	391 558 949	3	949
	*	*	* :	*	* * *			
		A	GE.	<u>S</u>				
Less than one year 1 to 2 years 2 to 5 years 5 to 10 years 10 to 20 years 20 to 45 years 45 to 65 years 65 years and over					TOTAL	25 30 13 20 120 170 54]		949
	水	*	*	本	* * *			
In the City of Los Angeles In the County of Los Angeles Other Municipalities Outside Los Angeles County						518 97 327	} 7 7	
					TOTAL	949	į	949

CAUSES

BURNS & EXPLOSIONS			
CLOTHING AFIRE FROM MATCHES CLOTHING AFIRE FROM HEATER CLOTHING AFIRE FROM STOVE CONFLAGRATION - HOUSE AFIRE GAS EXPLOSION GASOLINE EXPLOSION GASOLINE STOVE EXPLODED INCIDENTAL FIRES LIGHTING BARBEQUE PLAYING WITH CHEMICALS PLAYING WITH MATCHES SCALDS - CHILD PLAYING SCALDS - DEFECTIVE FAUCET SCALDS - IN BATH TUB SMOKING IN BED	TOTAL	186747501222124 <u>7</u> 2	102
ELECTROCUTION			
CONTACT WITH LIVE WIRE DEFECTIVE WIRING REPAIRING TELEVISION SET WHILE CHARGING BATTERY	TOTAL	3 1 <u>1</u> 7	7
FALLS		1	
AGAINST FURNITURE DOWNSTAIRS FROM BED FROM BUILDING FROM BICYCLE FROM HORSE FROM LADDER FROM TREE IN BATH TUB IN CRIB TO FLOOR TO GROUND TO SIDEWALK TO STREET WHILE INTOXICATED	TOTAL	4 33 16 7 1 8 1 5 1 410 38 11 2 3541	541

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

FIREARMS					
CARELESS HANDLING RUSSIAN ROULETTE UNKNOWN		TOTA	3 2 2 7	•	1965
ONE OF ABOVE TOTAL ACCID	ENT OR SUICIDE	TOTAL UNDETERMINED	7		7
HEAT STROKE		TOTAL	41		41
MECHANICAL ASPHYXIA					
ASPIRATION OF FOOD ASPIRATION OF FOREIGN OB ASPIRATION OF GASTRIC CO		TOTAL	9 4 17		17
DROWNING					
CHILD IN SWIMMING POOL CHILD UNATTENDED IN BATH IN BATH TUB - UNKNOWN IN BATH TUB - SEIZURE IN FISH POND IN SWIMMING POOL - UNKNOWN		*	13 7 1 1 2 28		
IN SMIMMING BOOK - ONVINO	MIN	TOTAL	28		28
HANGING					
CAUGHT IN HIGH CHAIR CAUGHT ON CRIB CAUGHT ON NAIL CHILD AT PLAY UNKNOWN		MOMAT.	1 1 7 3 13		married To
ONE OF ABOVE TOTAL ACCIDE	ENT OR SUICIDE	TOTAL UNDETERMINED	13		13
INHALATION OF SMOKE		TOTAL	2		60

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

MISCELLANEOUS DURING MEDICAL INJECTION BODILY INJURIES	TOTAL	1	1
INFANT DROPPED CAUGHT IN WRINGER PLAYING WITH POWER MOWER STRUCK BY FALLING OBJECT	TOTAL	2 1 1 4 8	8
PERFORATED BOWEL			
INSERTION OF PENCIL SELF TREATMENT	TOTAL	1 2 3	3
PERFORATED ESOPHAGUS			
SWALLOWED CHICKEN BONE	TOTAL	1	1
BOTULISM			
ATE HOME CANNED FOOD	TOTAL	1	1
			14
POISONING			
ALCOHOL & BARBITURATES ANT POISON ASPIRIN BARBITURATES BUTANE GAS CAMPHOR *CARBON MONOXIDE CARBON MONOXIDE - GAS HEATER CARBON MONOXIDE - WATER HEATER	DEFECTIVE	14 7 2 65 1 1 34 15	

949

HOME ACCIDENTS

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

POISONING (CONTINUED)			
CARBON TETRACHLORIDE CHLORDANE DEMEROL KEROSENE METHYL SALICYLATE OPIATE PAINT THINNER PARALDEHYDE PENETRATING OIL PYRIBENZAMINE UNIDENTIFIED	mom A T	3111634118	<u>172</u>
62 OF ABOVE TOTAL ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE *CARBON MONOXIDE ARISING INCIDENTAL TO	TOTAL UNDETERM A FIRE	172 INED	1/2
VIOLENCE OF UNDETERMINED ORIGIN		5	5

NATURE

BURNS & EXPLOSIONS		12	
FALLS		238	
FIREARMS		9	
HEAT STROKE		55	
MECHANICAL ASPHYXIA		41	
MISCELLANEOUS		20	
POISONING		25	
VIOLENCE OF UNDETERMINED ORIGIN	TOTAL	<u>20</u> 420	420
	* * * * * * *		
MALE FEMALE	TOTAL	249 <u>171</u> 420	<u> 420</u>
	* * * * * * *		
•	<u>AGES</u>		
Less than one year 1 to 2 years 2 to 5 years 5 to 10 years 10 to 20 years 20 to 45 years 45 to 65 years 65 years and over	TOTAL	5 7 9 20 67 67 242 420	420
	* * * * * *		
In the City of Los Angeles In the County of Los Angeles Other Municipalities Outside Los Angeles County Unknown	TOTAL	218 59 104 8 <u>31</u> 420	4 20

CAUSES

BURNS & EXPLOSIONS			
CHEMICAL EXPLOSION CLOTHING AFIRE FROM STOVE CONFLAGRATION FIGHTING FIRE GASOLINE EXPLOSION SCALDS - IN BATH TUB SMOKING IN BED	TOTAL	1 1 4 1 2 1 2 12	12
FALLS			
DOWN STAIRS FROM BED FROM BICYCLE FROM BRIDGE FROM BUILDING FROM CLIFF FROM LADDER FROM ROLLER COASTER FROM TREE IN BATH TUB TO FLOOR TO GROUND TO SIDEWALK TO STREET UNKNOWN FALLS	TOTAL	12 28 4 1 52 1 12 1 14 22 14 24 238	238
FIREARMS			
CARELESS HANDLING CHILD PLAYING WITH GUN GUN EXPLODED WAR INJURY WHILE HUNTING UNKNOWN	TOTAL	1 2 1 3 1	-9-
ONE OF ABOVE TOTAL ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE		INED	,
HEAT STROKE	TOTAL	55	55

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MECHA	NICAL	ASP	AIXYH

ASPIRATION OF FOOD ASPIRATION OF FOREIGN OBJECT ASPIRATION OF GASTRIC CONTENTS CAUGHT HEAD IN WINDOW CAVE IN OF EXCAVATION	TOTAL	5 1 1 1 1 9	9
DROWNING			
CHILD IN CANAL CHILD IN CRATER POOL CHILD IN DAM CHILD IN LAKE CHILD IN SLOUGH CHILD IN SWIMMING POOL IN BATHTUB IN CESSPOOL IN DAM IN OCEAN IN RIVER IN SWIMMING POOL WHILE SKIN DIVING	TOTAL	1 1 3 2 3 1 2 7 2 4 2 31	31
HANGING (UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	E) TOTAL	1	<u> </u>
MISCELLANEOUS			
ANAPHYLAXIS SHOCK ANESTHESIA DEATHS BOTULISM		1 14 -1 6	- 6
BODILY INJURIES			
DIVING HORSE FELL KICKED BY HORSE LIFTING PATIENT STRUCK BY FALLING OBJECT SWALLOWED TOOTHPICK INFECTION - SEPTICEMA INFECTION - TETANUS WAR GAS EXPOSURE		1 2 1 3 1 1 2 1	
WHILE EXTRACTING TEETH	TOTAL	14	14
,			20

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POISONING

ALCOHOL ALCOHOL & PARALDEHYDE ARSENIC BARBITURATES BARBITURATES & PARALDEHYDE CYANIDE CARBON MONOXIDE (RESULT OF FIRE) OPIATES UNKNOWN TOTAL ONE OF ABOVE TOTAL ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNDETERM	8 2 1 3 1 1 7 1 7 1 25	25
VIOLENCE OF UNDETERMINED ORIGIN TOTAL	20	<u>20</u> 420

UNDETERMINED CAUSES

MALE FEMALE	TOTAL * * * * * *	5 <u>2</u> 7	7
AGES			
20 to 45 years 65 years and over Unknown	TOTAL * * * * * *	5 1 7	7
In the City of Los Angeles		3	
In the County of Los Angeles O/S Los Angeles City	TOTAL * * * * * *	<u>4</u> 7	7
Undetermined after Gross Autops	y & Toxicological Study	1	
Undetermined after Gross Autops: Microscopic Study Undetermined due to Advanced St	y & loxicological and	1 <u>5</u> 7	7

SUICIDES

JULY	1955		53	
AUGUST	1955		56	
SEPTEMBER	1955		58	
OCTOBER	1955		88	
NOVEMBER	1955		69	
DECEMBER	1955		51	
JANUARY	1956		64	
FEBRUARY	1956		59	
MARCH	1956		67	
APRIL	1956		74	
MAY	1956		58	
JUNE	1956	TOTAL	<u>56</u> 753	753
MALE FEMALE	v.	TOTAL	532 221 753	753
In the City In the Count O/S Los Ange	of LOS ANGELES by of LOS ANGELES cles City	TOTAL	362 391 753	753
5 to 10 years and 5 to 10 years and 5 years and 5	ars	TOTAL	1 15 270 314 153 753	753

SUICIDES

NATURE

BURNING CARBON MONOXIDE - AUTO EXHAUST CARBON MONOXIDE - BURNING ILLUM. CUTTING DROWNING FUEL GAS HANGING ILLUMINATING GAS SHOOTING	GAS TOTAL	5 110 1 21 16 1 105 15 250 524	524
JUMPING			
FROM BRIDGE FROM BUILDING FROM CLIFF	TOTAL	6 26 <u>1</u> 33	33
POISONING			
ARSENIC BARBITURATES Nembutal 1 Pentobarbital 8 Phenobarbital 1 Secobarbital 1 Secobarbital 4 Veronal 1 Unidentified 125 Total Barbiturates CARBOLIC ACID CAUSTIC SODA CYANIDE DEMEROL DIGITALIS HYDROGEN SULFIDE INSECTIVIDE (MALATHION) LYSOL NICOTINE (BLACK LEAF 40) PAINT THINNER POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE PYRIBENZAMINE SALICYLATE SODIUM HYDROXIDE		16 148 11 11 11 132 11 123	
STRYCHNINE	TOTAL	196	196

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SUICIDES

<u>CAUSES</u>

AFTER COMMITTING MURDER AFTER DEATH OF FATHER AFTER DEATH OF HUSBAND		11 2 5	<i>y</i>
AFTER DEATH OF MOTHER AFTER DEATH OF WIFE		3	
AFTER DEATH OF WIFE ALCOHOLISM		7	
DESPONDENCY		20	
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES		47	
DOPE ADDICTION		1	
FEAR OF PROSECUTION		_3	
FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES		22	
ILL HEALTH		262	
LOSS OF JOB		6	
LOVE AFFAIR		7	
MARITAL DIFFICULTIES		30	
MENTAL ILLNESS		25	
UNKNOWN	TOTAL	<u>300</u> 753	75 3
	TOTAL	773	173

HOMICIDES

JULY	1955								14	
AUGUST	1955								18	
SEPTEMBER	1955								13	
OCTOBER	1955								11	
NOVEMBER	1955								18	
DECEMBER	1955								15	
JANUARY	1956								18	
FEBRUARY	1956								17	
MARCH	1956								14	
APRIL	1956								26	
MAY	1956								14	
JUNE	1956							TOTAL	<u>15</u> 193	193
MALE FEMALE		*	*	*	*	*	*	* TOTAL	124 _69 193	193
In the City of LOS	ANGELES								102	
In the County of LO O/S Los Angeles Cit Outside LOS ANGELES Unknown	S ANGELI Y	ES *	*	*	*	*	*	IOTAL	85 3 3 193	193
LESS THAN ONE YEAR 1 to 2 years 2 to 5 years 5 to 10 years 10 to 20 years 20 to 45 years 45 to 65 years									3 7 1 13 114 47	
65 years and over								TOTAL	<u>193</u>	193

HOMICIDES

NATURE

ASSAULT FIGHTING POISONING SHOOTING STABBING STRANGULATION STRUCK WITH AUTO STRUCK WITH OBJECT SUFFOCATION UNKNOWN	TOTAL	16 3 4 98 43 9 1 16 1 2 193	193
JUSTIFIABLE UNJUSTIFIABLE	TOTAL	26 <u>167</u> 193	193
BY A KNOWN PERSON BY AN UNKNOWN PERSON BY FATHER BY HUSBAND BY MOTHER BY OFFICER BY SON BY WIFE	TOTAL	112 23 3 24 6 9 5 11 193	1 93
FOUND DEAD AT SCENE DIED UNDER OBSERVATION	TOTAL	105 <u>88</u> 193	193
HOMICIDE ABATED BY SUICIDE		11	

HOMICIDES

CAUSES

JUSTIFIABLE

DURING ALTERCATION DURING BURGLARY DURING ROBBERY EVADING ARREST ILLEGAL ENTRY RESISTING ARREST SELF DEFENSE SCUFFLE	TOTAL	10 1 1 2 4 3 26	26
UNJUSTIFIABLE			
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES DURING ALTERCATION DURING BURGLARY DURING ROBBERY FIT OF ANGER GANG FIGHT ILL HEALTH OF VICTIM JEALOUSY LOVE AFFAIR MARITAL DIFFICULTIES MENTAL CONDITION RAPE REVENGE SEX CRIME TO STOP BABY FROM CRYING UNKNOWN	TOTAL	8 64 10 33 13 15 42 5 12 44 167	167

<u>ABORTIONS</u>

CRIMINAL - By Known Person CRIMINAL - By Unknown Person CRIMINAL OR SELF-INDUCED Undete SELF INDUCED SPONTANEOUS	9 1 °1	mir *	ned *)TA	AL.	亦	1 1 6 2 11	īī
IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES UNKNOWN	本	*	*	T(TC*	iL *	*	4 4 -3 11	11
DIVORCED MARRIED SINGLE	*	*	*	T(**	TC*	AL *·	*	3 6 2 11	$\overline{11}$
20 to 45 YEARS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	11	11
FOUND DEAD AT SCENE DIED UNDER OBSERVATION				T	OT.	AL		2 9 11	11

AIRPLANE FATALITIES

JULY	1955			3	
AUGUST	1955	٨		1	
SEPTEMBER	1955			5	
OCTOBER	1955			12	
NOVEMBER	1955			0	
DECEMBER	1955			3	
JANUARY	1956			9	
FEBRUARY	1956			0	
MARCH	1956			0	
APRIL	1 956			1	
MAY	1956			0	
JUNE	1956		TOTAL	<u>0</u> 34	34
		* * * * *	* * *	34	3 T
In the CITY OF LOS AN	IGELES			18	
In the COUNTY OF LOS O/S Los Angeles City				15	
Outside LOS ANGELES C	COUNTY	بلا ملا ماد ماد	TOTAL	$\frac{1}{34}$	34
		* * * * * *	· • •		
Co-Pilot Passenger Pilot Student Pedestrian				2 9 13 1 1 8 34	
Resident of Home			TOTAL	$\frac{8}{34}$	34
Accidental Industrial			TOTAL	27 _7 34	3 4

AIRPLANE FATALITIES

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<u>AGES</u>

Less than 1 year 5 to 10 years 10 to 20 years 20 to 45 years 45 to 65 years			1 2 1 27 - 3 34	
		TOTAL	34	34
		* * * * * * *		
		TYPE OF PLANE		
COMMERCIAL MILITARY PLEASURE		TOTAL	6 2 26 34	34
		* * * * * * *		
		CAUSES		
CRASH INTO HOUSE STRUCK BY CRASHING PLAND STUNTING UNKNOWN	£	TOTAL	9 1 23 34	3 4

INQUESTS

			NER'S EST ROOM	L. A. CITY & COUNTY OUTSIDE INQUEST ROOM	TOTALS
JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL MAY JUNE	1955 1955 1955 19555 1956 1956 1956 1956	TOTAL	14 12 10 20 14 26 15 17 13 12 12 12	18 13 16 12 18 33 16 16 11 21 15 7	32 25 26 32 32 59 62 31 30 38 30 20 417

AUTOPSIES

		CORONER'S MORTUARY	L.A. CITY & CO. O/S MORTUARY	GENERAL HOSPITAL	TOTALS
JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL MAY JUNE	1955 1955 1955 1955 1955 1956 1956 1956	147 132 165 158 146 169 212 113 145 154 154 122 1817	277 238 271 249 186 234 227 204 231 217 202 214 2750	10 12 12 11 05 05 11 07 03 10 05 11	434 382 448 418 337 450 379 381 347 4669
INVESTIGATIO	NS - NO AUT	OPSIES		TOTAL	<u>4781</u> 9450

MISCELLANEOUS DATA

BODIES OF CHILDREN (UNDER 14 YEARS) EMBALMED: NO FEE BODIES ASSIGNED TO COUNTY WELFARE: NO FEE BODIES ASSIGNED TO CATHOLIC WELFARE: NO FEE EMBALMING EXEMPTIONS FOR INDIGENT PERSONS UNDER SECTION 27471 OF GOVERNMENT CODE OF CALIFORNIA: NO FEE TOTAL NUMBER EMBALMED FOR WHICH NO EMBALMING FEES WERE COLLECTED AT CORONER'S OFFICE BODIES EMBALMED FOR WHICH FEES WERE COLLECTED TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY BODIES EMBALMED BY MORTICIANS BEFORE DELIVERY TO CORONER'S MORTUARY TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES PROCESSED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES PROCESSED BY COUNTY CORONER JULY 1, 1955 TO JUNE 30, 1956	447 3647 9450
MILES TRAVELED TO CONDUCT INQUESTS AND INVESTIGATIONS MILES TRAVELED BY SURGEONS TO PERFORM AUTOPSIES AND APPEAR AS WITNESSES MILES TRAVELED BY AMBULANCES TO TRANSPORT BODIES TRANSCRIPTS SOLD TRANSCRIPTS FURNISHED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES: NO FEE TRANSCRIPTS FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK TRANSCRIPTS FURNISHED DISTRICT ATTORNEY TOTAL NUMBER OF COPIES OF TRANSCRIPTS PREPARED PAGES OF TESTIMONY PREPARED VERDICTS OF CORONER AND AUTOPSY FINDINGS WERDICTS OF JURIES JURORS SUMMONED TO SERVE AT CORONER'S INQUESTS WITNESSES SUBPOENAED TO TESTIFY AT INQUESTS ESTATES DELIVERED TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR CASES REPORTED TO CORONER, DEATH CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY PRIVATE PHYSICIAN. THESE CASES CLASSIFIED "NOT A CORONER'S CAJE" SUBPOENAS SERVED ON MEDICAL STAFF	88890 22637
CASE LOAD COMPARISON	
TOTAL CASES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1954-1955	8634
TOTAL CASES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1955-1956	9450
INCREASE	816

REPORT OF TOXICOLOGICAL LABORATORY

NUMBER AND TYPE OF CASES SUBMITTED FOR EXAMINATION

ALCOHOL, ETHANOL, ONLY ALCOHOL, ETHANOL WITH OTHER TESTS ALCOHOL, METHYL ALCOHOL, ISOPROPYL ACETONE ACETOPHENITIDIN ACID PHOSPHATASE ALKALOIDS ANTIMONY ARSENIC	2677 361 1 4 6 1 7 30 352
BARBITURATES CARBON TETRACHLORIDE	
CARBROMAL	ĺ
CHLORAL	5
CHLORPROMAZINE	715224131153 23
CHLORDANE	2
CHLORIDES	7
CINCHOPEN	3
CODEINE	1
COPPER SULPHATE CORROSIVES	ī
CREATININE	5
CYANIDE	23
DEPRESSANTS	1
DIGITALIS	1
DILANTIN	ļ
DILAUDID	Ţ
"DORIDEN"	Ţ
ETHER	. 3
FLUORIDE	1
FORMALDEHYDE	7
HYPOCHLORITES	2
LEAD	ī
MALATHION	1
MARIHUANA	6
MEPERIDINE MERCURY	11113121211651
MERCORY METHAPYRILINE	ĺ
METHEMOGLOBIN	1

REPORT OF TOXICOLOGICAL LABORATORY

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MORPHINE "MILTOWN" NARCOTICS NICOTINE OIL WINTERGREEN OXALATES PAINT THINNER PARALDEHYDE PHOSPHORUS POISONS - UNKNOWN POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE PHENOLS SALICYLATES SILICA SPECTROGRAPH TESTS STRYCHNINE SUGAR SULFA DRUGS TRICHLORETHYLENE TRIPELENNAMINE		21 10 61 13 16 27 12 63 38 10 12 1	
	TOTAL	3652	3652

SUMMARY OF SCIENTIFIC TESTS

NUMBER OF MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATIONS	7984
NUMBER OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS	30
NUMBER OF BLOOD TESTS FOR CARBON MONOXIDE	243
NUMBER OF CYTOLOGY EXAMINATION	136
NUMBER OF GROSS SPECIMENS PREPARED	14
NUMBER OF NEURO-PATHOLOGY BRAIN STUDIES	113
NUMBER OF SPECIAL TISSUE STAINS	39
NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPH NEGATIVES MADE AND PROCESSED	965
NUMBER OF PRINTS MADE AND PROCESSED	1647
NUMBER OF COLOR SLIDES	222

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - ALCOHOL

If victim lives twenty-four or more hours after injury, tests for alcohol are not made, as the alcohol would be completely oxidized.

Each positive test is individually interpreted in terms of elapsed time and amount to show extent of influence of the alcohol.

	POSITIVE TESTS	NEGATIVE TESTS
AUTO - COLLISION and NON COLLISION	196	274
	41.0%	59.0%
AUTO - PEDESTRIAN	73	126
	36.6%	63.4%
HOMICIDES	89	110
	44.7%	55.3%
SUICIDES	204	443
	31.5%	68.5%

EXPENDITURES

FISCAL YEAR 1955-56

SALARIES AND WAGES		\$ 373,235.95
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION		41,113.78
CAPITAL OUTLAY	TOTAL	6.665.54 \$ 421.015.27

REVENUES COLLECTED FISCAL YEAR 1955-56

SALARY FUND:

EMBALMING FEES \$ 72,446.26

SALE OF TRANSCRIPTS $\frac{5.252.05}{77,698.31}$ \$ $\frac{77,698.31}{77,698.31}$

GENERAL FUND:

WITNESS FEES \$ 256.20

REFUND OF TRANSPORTATION 689.24 945.44